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Information Disclosure Statement

- 1. The information disclosure statement filed September 15, 2000 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.
- 2. The information disclosure statement filed September 15, 2000 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Response to Informal Draft After Final Amendment

3. The informal draft response received by fax transmission on October 9, 2000 is not persuasive in overcoming the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2000. The informal draft response would not be entered, if formally submitted, as it presents new claims that would constitute new issues not previously considered, and the new additional claims are presented without a corresponding cancellation of finally rejected claims. Further, the arguments presented by applicant are not persuasive as the present claims under final rejection are broader in scope than argued by Applicant. In particular, "assigning a plurality of security levels to each information object" only requires that a plurality of security levels be assigned to each information object and not the narrower characterization argued by Applicant. Further, the arguments informally submitted are directed to individually attacking the references

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and the proposed reasons for combining, which are not persuasive in overcoming the final rejections.

- 4. If a continuation application is filed, all of the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed but not considered, would be considered without requirement of fee or statement of certification.
- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gilberto Barrón Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 305-1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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